

To W. L. Harrison.

Valley Falls 5/5 '64.

My Dear friend —

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I by  
very kind note came to  
me by our excellent friend  
H. C. Wright who is spend-  
ing the week with us very  
much to our enjoyment.  
The basket of flowers, arranged  
by the children, should have  
been accompanied by a  
note but it was completed  
late in the evening when  
we were preparing for an  
early departure in the  
morning on a little jour-  
ney and visit and it must  
be sent by the morning ex-  
press and so the note was  
omitted. I am glad it



was not spoiled in being  
carried; and if it gave  
dear Helen pleasure, I am  
doubly glad. I hope this  
bright and beautiful  
May weather will help  
her rapidly toward health  
such as we had last month  
it would have been impos-  
sible to gain much in.  
Lillie writes you will spend  
the summer at Readville.  
That will be toward R. S.  
Perhaps Helen will be well  
enough for you to come  
here sometime in the sea-  
son. If so, we will do all  
we can to make a visit  
pleasant and comfortable.  
Dear mother is very well,  
and just about the same  
all the time, patient, cheer-  
ful and entirely at peace;



casting around her always  
the blessing of a meek  
and quiet spirit." She is al-  
ways interested to hear from  
Mrs. G. and feels much sym-  
pathy for her. Should there  
be any time anything that we  
can do or send that would  
give her or any of you any  
pleasure I beg she let us know.

Dear Garrison must the mee-  
ting in N. York be a stormy  
one? Is it necessary that the  
Presidential question should  
be the question of the meet-  
ing? For, after all, our le-  
gitimate <sup>work</sup> is just what it al-  
ways was, to get the people  
right, and then it does not  
make so much difference  
who is President. I confess  
that, impatient - as I have



been with Lincoln for his  
slowness of perception as to the  
needs of the hour; yet, since the  
best-sentiment of the people is  
carrying him with it - toward  
freedom and justice and  
peace, I had certainly as lief  
trust him as another man  
who has not been tried; and  
so it seems to me that, as  
I said before, our work is  
still with the hearts of the  
people. When they be-  
sively respond to the claims of human-  
ity, the Government will car-  
ry out their demands.

With much love from our  
household to yours, ever  
with the perfect confidence  
and the highest esteem, thine  
E. B. Chase